Minutes of the <u>Regular Work Session</u> of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee Monday, August 19, 2019, 4:30 PM Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding

Alderman Jennifer Adler
Alderman Colette George
Alderman Betsy Cooper
Alderman Tommy Olterman
Alderman James Phillips

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney Sidney H. Cox, City Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Patrick W. Shull.

2. ROLL CALL: By Deputy City Recorder Marshall.

- 3. CENSUS COUNT COMMITTEE. Kevin Flanary presented this item and discussed how the city can make the most of this process. Charlie Nitschke provided the names of those who are serving on the committee.
- **4. LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS.** Chris Markley gave a presentation on this item and answered questions from the board.
- 5. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 20, 2019 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Fleming and members of staff gave a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.
- VI.D.2 Agreement with Sterling Project Development (AF: 196-2019). City Manager McCartt presented this item giving details on the history of this project, noting the multipurpose venue was one of the most wanted items resulting from the ONEKingsport summit process. He noted this item is just a feasibility study for the property after preliminary results regarding the soil were provided. He further stated this would give the city a much better idea of the full potential of this property. There was considerable discussion. Alderman Adler and Alderman Olterman stated they were not prepared to move forward. Mayor Shull also expressed many concerns and asked if this item should be pulled for further input from the public. Vice-Mayor George stated this project has been discussed for years with many opportunites for the public to provide input and delaying this study would not provide any benefit. Alderman Duncan, Alderman Cooper and Alderman Phillips were also in favor of proceeding with study, noting this was not a decision on what to do with the property, but would allow the BMA to make a more informed decision on that very topic. Citizens Ken Marsh and Jeannie Bourne also made comments.

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**6. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Patrick W. Shull PATRICK W. SHULL

Mayor